

5.0 Project Eligibility Requirements

Each project must meet the following basic eligibility requirements:

- The proposed project must be shown on an airport layout plan approved by DOAV and the Federal Aviation Administration as appropriate.
- A sponsor shall provide documentation of environmental coordination and the findings and acceptance from the appropriate authorities on all environmental actions for a project as required by federal or state law. This documentation could be a Categorical Exclusion (CAT EX), a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), a Record of Decision (ROD), or a Coastal Zone Resource Management (CZRM) determination if applicable.
- If a sponsor is applying for state funds to match a federal project that requires a benefit cost analysis, the analysis must be approved by FAA before the Virginia Department of Aviation will offer a favorable recommendation on the project.
- If an airport is not in compliance with obstruction and clearance standards with *Federal Aviation Regulations* and *Virginia Aviation Regulations*, the only projects eligible at that airport are ones to identify or mitigate obstructions.

In addition to these basic eligibility requirements, prerequisites are required for many projects. For example, a security improvement project for a general aviation airport must be identified on an approved security plan in order to be eligible for state funding.

Projects that may be required in order for an airport to meet minimum requirements for licensing are eligible for state funding assistance.

5.1 Design and Construction Standards

DOAV intends that FAA standards and specifications be used in the design of air facility infrastructure, including facilities and equipment, where not specified in the *Virginia Aviation Regulations* 24 VAC 5-20-140. Airports not included in the NPIAS should use design standards set in the *Virginia Aviation Regulations* and Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) construction standards. The department may allow or, for federally funded projects, seek FAA approval to use VDOT construction standards and specifications for general aviation airport infrastructure development on a case-by-case basis. The state's minimum airport licensing standards for airports are provided in Appendix E, and the VDOT construction standards can be found online at www.virginiadot.org.